

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The Banking System, Now Over a
Year Old, a Success

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

The Basket Ball Team Lost the First Big Game
of the Season to Grand Rapids

The public schools of the city have started the second term of the school year in good shape. The banking system introduced here shortly over a year ago is running smoothly. There has been but little absence during the past term, except on account of the smallpox scare. The basketball team of the high school is making a good showing, and there are two new organizations actively engaged in their work besides a general revival of the old organizations.

Last December, a traveler for one of the Detroit supply houses told the superintendent and school board at Greenville that the Alma Public schools had the best banking system of any school of the state. Thereupon the superintendent of the Greenville schools and a member of the school board, a banker in Greenville came here and visited our schools making a thorough investigation of the system. The result was that the Greenville schools already have established a banking system in their public schools modeled after that in our schools.

This month of January sees the first anniversary of the installation of the plan and it has proved to be an unqualified success. Nothing whatever can be said in detriment to it, or if there can, such criticism has failed to reach headquarters. The average deposits per month last year were sixteen dollars and thirty-seven cents, making a total of forty-seven cents, making a total amount of deposits of nearly seven hundred dollars. This was all deposited by about three hundred seventy-five students mostly of the lower grades. The bookkeeping department is getting excellent experience out of the work. The students take charge of all the bank's books and the actual experience of bank clerks is met when they have to remain after working hours to find a few cents that is off in their report. It has been found that if a student is careless the first month and is obliged to put in several hours of real work hunting through his books for two cents, the next month's report will balance when first made out. The teachers have not found the system to be burdensome to them. Supt. Ellsworth has yet to receive the first complaint on the part of the teachers.

The high school basketball squad is putting in good work, practicing two nights of the week in the college gymnasium. The team is practically the same as it was last year in personnel, but is stronger in that the men have had more experience. Last Thursday evening they were defeated by Grand Rapids high school team. This is one of the strongest teams of the state and among the top-notch contenders for the championship. Besides being away from home the local boys were at a disadvantage in that the court upon which they were playing was some four times the size of the one they were used to.

A Grand Rapids paper in reporting the game said:

"The Alma five fought all the way through the contest and outplayed the local quintet in the second half but was unable to overcome the big lead which had been piled up in the initial period. Central's basket ball men started the game with a rush and had they kept up the same sort of work all the way the score would have been doubled, but they slowed down toward the close of the first half and substitutes were given a chance in the second period.

"The game was the cleanest of the season, only nine fouls being called by Referee DeKrief. The Alma players lacked in team work and had Central's guards not let up in the second half, they would not have counted a dozen points. Central high seemed weaker on defense than offensive and Coach White will undoubtedly endeavor to strengthen this department before the next game. For Alma, Wood, forward, put up the best exhibition and in the last period, scored three goals from the field." Summary:

Field goals—Fowler 3, Stander 7, Spielman 6, Ehle, Wood 4, Kress, Montigel. Foul goals—Stander 2 out of 3; Kress, 4 out of 6. Referee—DeKrief.

Another game is scheduled with the Ithaca high school five for next Friday evening on the college court. This has been recently reformed and new teachers put in place so that the games can be watched with much more comfort than formerly.

A new girls' literary society has been formed and is already in a flourish-

ishing condition. The official name of the organization is the Lambda Sigma and its officers are as follows: President, Letta Soper; Vice President, Ella Miller; Secretary, Rua Day; Treasurer, Mabel Wyant; Critic, Marjorie Delavan. All the lady teachers of the high school are honorary members and there are thirty-five of the girls of the high school claiming membership. It meets every first and third Tuesdays of the month. One evening is given up to a literary program and the next to a debate. All the members are enthusiastic and the meetings have been interesting and lively.

A high school orchestra of ten pieces has been formed and has taken six lessons under the direction of Prof. Schroeder. This organization also has a good start and expects soon to be able to appear in public.

The Boys' Literary organization, the Debating club, has been at work since the first of December. This club meets every Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the high school room. The following young men are its officers: President, Clyde Creaser; Vice President, Arnold Robinson. It is expected that there will soon be public debates with some outside high school.

During the winter there has been a very good attendance in all departments. It ranges in per cent as follows: Kindergarten, 91.4; first grades, from 91.4 to 92.7; second grades, 96.1 to 96.8; third grade, 97.4; fourth grade, 96.2; fifth grade, 98; sixth grade, 97.8; seventh grade, 96; eighth grade, 97.6 and high school about 96%. This is a very good record. There has been but little sickness among the children outside of the smallpox scare and vaccination. This kept many from school during November, thereby making the showing in attendance this year not quite so good as that of the same period last year. There have been no epidemics or contagious diseases whatever.

Monday morning Principal Ward returned to his duties after an illness caused by an operation for appendicitis.

AS NEW AUTO PERIL

Chicago Doctor Poisoned by Carbon
Gas From Engine Muffler

An Associated Press dispatch dated Chicago, January 6, said: "A muffler on the gasoline engine of an automobile caused the death of Dr. John Aloysius Hempsteger, a prominent physician. He died from the effects of carbon dioxide he inhaled while cleaning the apparatus of his machine. The death is said to be the first of its kind on record."

"According to a son the doctor went to his garage to get his machine. Finding a quantity of carbon dioxide had accumulated in the muffler of the engine he poured a quantity of a mixture of wood alcohol and kerosene into them to clean them out. He then started the engine and opened the cut-off valve in the muffler. The garage door was closed and there was no other outlet for the forming carbon gas as it rushed from the engine room. "The doctor, found helpless, was taken to his residence, where he died the next day. Dr. Hempsteger was fifty-six years old."

GRATIOT CO. HONORED

What is considered to be the most important committee appointment in the lower house of the state legislature has been given by Chairman Barker to Gratiot County's representative, Clifton J. Chambers, that of chairman of the committee of ways and means. An article in the Lansing State Republican says:

"Representative C. J. Chambers of Ithaca has been chosen to head the ways and means committee. He was on the committee two years ago and earned the reputation of being one of the few hard workers. This session most of the labor will fall on him, though the prospects are that he will be able to command intelligent assistance from the administration in settling the budget."

HOUSE BURNS.

A tenant house belonging to Harlan M. Woodard, west of town, was burned to the ground about 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The building was occupied by Arthur Harter and family. There are three children, one of whom was but one day old. The fire originated in the garret and spread quickly. A lurid glare in the sky could be seen from Alma. The mother of the young babe was forced to wrap herself and babe up in bed clothing and to leave the house. Little was saved of the contents, none of which was insured. The house was only partially insured. Mrs. Harter is being cared for at the home of Wm. Beverly, which is the closest to the site of the house.

GOOD HORSE FLESH

"Haussey" a Registered Percheron
Purchased by Hicock & Son

SHOWN IN ALMA LAST SATURDAY

Horse Purchased From the Lafayette, Indiana
Stock Farm

That Alma and Gratiot county is the home of many fine horses is a fact often quoted and one well known to horse buyers, who for years have been coming to this county and purchasing carload after carload of stock. Strangers in Alma are very often heard to remark upon the excellent draft horses that are seen on our streets, belonging both to the business houses in the city and the farmers of this vicinity. Another addition has been made to Gratiot county's splendid array in "Haussey" a thoroughbred Percheron stallion, brought here from Lafayette, Indiana, by G. B. Hicock & Son.

The last week in December, Henry McNamara and G. B. Hicock of Alma and Fred Stevens of Breckenridge went to Lafayette for the purpose of visiting the Lafayette stock farm, a famous establishment for breeding fine horses, near that place and looking over stock with a view to purchasing a stallion. "Haussey" took their eye, and the stock farm their money, and well they might for the animal is one of the greatest specimens of live stock ever exhibited in the county. He is a three year old, black in color but marked handsomely. He is an imported and registered Percheron. He was imported in July of the past year and his registry number is 80,223. He will certainly add materially to the standard of horses in the county.

On Saturday last upon the arrival of "Haussey" a horse show was arranged for in a short time. About twenty horses were brought together in front of Hicock's barn, of that number Henry McNamara had on display 6 mares each weighing 1700 pounds or more, Asolin Church had four, Elmer Sprague had two, Merl McNamara had one pair, and Albert Fisher one pair, and M. Woodward one pair. The whole number made a beautiful sight to a skilled horseman. Horn, the local photographer took a picture of the bunch which will be sent to Crouch & Son, who own the Lafayette Stock farm to show the gentlemen the class of horses that Gratiot county prides itself upon.

FOREST HILL CHURCH

Elect Officers for 1911 Sunday School
Treas Report

The Forest Hill Christian Sunday School organized for 1911 as follows: Superintendent, Edgar Sias; assistant superintendent, H. S. Markham; secretary, Uva Czege; assistant secretary, Rilla Mills; treasurer, Mae Hays; organist, Iva Perrigo; assistant organist and chorister, Nellie B. Markham; permanent corresponding secretary, Ethyl Bowers.

Teachers.
Old Folk's Bible class, Cag Wood; Intermediate Bible class, A. Noffsinger; Young People's Bible class, E. Sias; Intermediate Pupil's Bible class, Nellie B. Markham; Junior classes, Mrs. Jennie Welch, Mrs. Mae Hays; Kindergarten, Mrs. Eva Russ; Mary Mills, secretary.

Treasurers report Forest Hill Christian Sunday School for 1910:
On hand, January 1st, 1910, \$ 16.80
Received from regular offerings 64.84
Received for Foreign Missions 17.80
Received from S. S. excursion 3.79

Total receipts for 1910, \$103.23
Expended for supplies, \$ 34.23
Expended for State Missions, \$ 5.00
Expended for Foreign Missions, 17.32
Expended for song books, 7.00
Expended for lights for church, 5.00
Expended for Xmas supplies, 8.62
Expended for papering church, 10.00
Expended for incidentals, 7.10

Total expenditures for '10, \$94.27
Balance on hand
Foreign Missions \$ 4.88
S. S. Excursion, 3.79
Regular offering 4.69

Total \$89.96
MRS. E. SIAS,
Treasurer.

Alma Record \$1.00 a year

Rev. Alfred H. Ban, D. D. pastor of the Jefferson Ave. Presbyterian church of Detroit will deliver an address at the Presbyterian church of this city Tuesday evening Jan. 17th at 8 o'clock. A general invitation to all who wish to hear this address is extended by the Fortnightly Society of the church under whose auspices Dr. Ban is brought to Alma. Dr. Ban is well known here as a prominent pastor of Detroit and as a splendid speaker. He had the exceptional privilege of attending the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, as a representative of this district during the past summer. His report of this most important conference will be full of interest. It will be remembered that while he was absent from this country in attendance at this conference Alma College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Mr. Ban. It is hoped that there will be many who will hear Dr. Ban Tuesday evening. No admission will be charged.

Tacoma's anti-treating ordinance went into effect January 1st and its results will doubtless be watched with close interest by persons throughout the country who are striving for the better regulation of saloons, the promotion of temperance and the placing of the liquor business on a higher plane. The new law absolutely prohibits any person from paying for another's drink and imposes a fine of \$100 on the bartender or saloon keeper who permits treating in his establishment. The saloons are required to post notices calling the attention of the patrons to the new order of things.

After two weeks spent with friends and relatives in this city Miss Pollasky returned to Binghamton, New York, Monday of this week, where she is a student in the Lady Jane Gray school for young ladies.

MASONS HONORED

Grand Lodge to Confer Third Degree
Before Grand Masons of the Union

The Michigan grand lodge has been invited to confer the third degree of Masonry before the Virginia grand lodge and the assembled grand masters of all the states of the Union at Alexandria, Va., on Feb. 22. The Michigan grand lodge has accepted and will travel to Washington and Alexandria by special train for the occasion.

The event, which calls all the grand masters of the country to Alexandria on Washington's birthday, is one of national consequence. An organization was formed a year ago to promote a movement for the erection at Alexandria of a national Masonic temple, a national shrine for the order of the square and compass, so to speak.

Here in Alexandria, which is but a short street car ride from the national capital, is Alexandria—Washington lodge of Masons, of which George Washington was the first worshipful master. Alexandria was General Washington's home town. Mt. Vernon, his country place, is only a few miles away. In the lodge are preserved as sacred relics many of the Masonic articles used by Washington in the discharge of his duties as master, and it is to build a secure home for these, as well as to raise there a Masonic memorial to the father of his country, that the Masons of the nation are joining in the erection of a temple at Alexandria.

CIRCUIT COURT JURORS

The circuit court for the county of Gratiot will commence Monday, January 23. The list of jurors drawn for the term and to report Tuesday, January 24, at 9 o'clock a. m., are as follows:

Emerson—Jay Allen.
North Shade—Harry Allsopp.
St. Louis, 2nd ward—Lucius Beach.
Alma, 3d ward—James A. Baker.
Seville—Elmer Bemis.
Washington—Geo. Cordray.
Sumner—Harry Clark.
Lafayette—Arthur H. Gibbs.
Bethany—John Housencamp.
Hamilton—Edwin Hill.
Alma, 4th ward—J. E. Hydorn.
North Star—Alvin Hawkins.
Arcada—E. R. Kuhlman.
St. Louis, 1st ward—Judson Kent.
Seville—R. J. Lathrop.
St. Louis, 3d ward—Cyrus Lord.
Newark—Oliver Martin.
Fulton—John Richards.
Alma, 1st ward—W. W. Rollin.
Alma, 2d ward—Isaac Russell.
Pine River—Job T. Sleight.
Pine River—John Schick.
North Star—Lewis Vance.
Sumner—Barlow A. Worthing.
Wheeler—Edgar Ware.
St. Louis, 4th ward—Geo. White.
Elba—James Woolston.
New Haven—E. B. Wiles.
Washington—George Weaver.
Ithaca—William Yerby.

ALMA WON 41, 28

Trimmed Cadillac Y.M.C.A. Boys in
Their First Game

WAS PLAYED HERE LAST FRIDAY

Visitors' Superiority Was in Ability to Make
Baskets—Had Much Practice

Forty minutes of the best basketball ever pulled off in Cadillac was the contest played Friday night between the fast Alma college team and the Y. M. C. A. five. The final score was 41 to 28 with the college boys on the long end of the score. Although Alma easily had the advantage at all times the Cadillac boys forced them to play their best game and several times were within a few points of the winners, being only six counts behind at the end of the first half. The throwing of sensational baskets by both teams held the interest of the spectators at all times, indeed most of the scoring was he result of successful difficult throws rather than the usual easy kind. The floor work of both teams was about equally good, Alma's superiority consisting in their better ability to make good when a clear shot to a basket was offered. Alma has been playing at Detroit and elsewhere every night for the past week and a half, while this was the first hard game which the Cadillac team has played this season. This together with the further fact that the Alma five have played together two years more than have the "Y" aggregation gives sufficient reason for Cadillac's defeat at the hands of the Presbyterians last night. Kefgren and Fraker were Alma's best point gainers and they were easily the best players on the floor. Reginald Burrill a first year man at Alma from Cadillac played right forward during the second half and did very good work. For Cadillac, Herbert Johnson did the best work, securing the larger number of baskets which Cadillac made and playing a very strong defensive game. Rathman and Goodrich also did very good work for the local team.—Cadillac News and Express.

ALMA HIGH DEFEATED

In Game With Central High at Grand
Rapids

The Grand Rapids Daily News of last Friday had the following item in reference to the basketball game played in that city last Thursday evening: "Fighting stubbornly every minute the Alma High school five went down to defeat at the hands of Central High at the Armory last night, the final score being 38 to 16. The Grand Rapids team showed its lack of practice and lack of condition, but still were able to put up an article of ball satisfactory to the coach at the present stage. The Alma team has had several contests with the college team of that city and showed their fine physical condition by coming back strong in the second half."

"Grand Rapids had everything its own way the first period, scoring at will and seldom losing its possession of the ball. The score stood 24 to 4 at the end of the session, Alma having negotiated one goal from the field and two free throws.

"In the second half, however, the visitors started things with a vim and vigor that played the local men off their feet, and gave the rooters a bad scare by piling up seven points in quick succession. The locals, however, gradually came to their senses, and during the last five minutes of play again struck their pace."

Having sold my grocery stock to Mr. W. I. Ambsbury, I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Alma for their patronage in the past and bespeak for my successor your same generous business in the future. During the month of January I will be either at the old store or at the Hotel Arcada where I will be prepared to settle any and all accounts. Those indebted to me please take notice. W. P. CHEDISTER.

The farmers and merchants bank of Mt. Pleasant, which closed its doors last August, when cashier E. C. Vanmilion absconded, as alleged, is settling with creditors at a rate of 50 cents on the dollar and promising full pay later.

Our readers should read the auction advertisement of W. Katenhus on page 2 of this paper. The sale is set for Jan. 17, J. D. Helman auctioneer.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John C. Wheeler passed to her reward on January 5 at her home in this city after a long and protracted illness. Mrs. Wheeler had been ill for some time and suffered greatly but with great patience. The death was not unexpected. The funeral was held at 10:30 o'clock the morning of January 6, Rev. G. H. Carl officiating. The interment was at Riverside cemetery.

Lon Ella, the youngest daughter of Isaac and Mary McDowell was born May 29, 1876 near Fisher, in Champaign county, Illinois. She was married on February 9, 1898, to Edward L. Mount at Runtoul, Ill. To this union was born one son, Lloyd. Mr. Mount died on October 1, 1899. In October 1905, Mrs. Mount and Mrs. John C. Wheeler of Fisher, Illinois, were married. Besides Mr. Wheeler and the son Lloyd, Mrs. Wheeler is survived by a daughter Anna and a son Willard. Other relatives surviving are Clarence McDowell of Cedar street, this city, Annie Putman and Mrs. Carrie Putman of Dewey, Illinois. Mrs. Wheeler lost her mother when but six years of age and her father in 1902.

Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the Christian church of this city. She had at one time belonged to the Methodist church but had changed her affiliation. She appreciated greatly the kindness of her neighbors in her last illness. Her suffering was long and the end came as a pleasant relief.

TAXES FOR YEAR 1910

City Treasurer J. W. Holmes Makes
Good Collection

The total amount of the tax roll for the city of Alma for the year 1910 was \$48,997.80, of this amount, City Treasurer Holmes collected \$42,034.32 before Tuesday, January 10. Mr. Holmes' largest single day collection was \$15,618.52, which amount represented the collection for Monday, January 9. Those who have not already paid their taxes will have to add an additional 4 per cent before getting their receipt.

THE CASH HARDWARE

To the People of Gratiot County and
Vicinity:

Nine months have passed since we inaugurated the cash system of doing business. During that time we have done more business than in any previous twelve months. The reason for this is apparent. The public appreciates the fact that in paying cash they simply pay for what they purchase and that the expense increased to the dealer by book-keeper and poor accounts have been eliminated. We assure our patrons that their patronage has been fully appreciated, and that we will continue to sell all lines of hardware at prices based on cash at time of sale. In other words if you want the lowest price for high grade hardware you will find it at the Sanderhoff Cash Hardware. In order to accommodate our rapidly increasing trade we are installing devices to facilitate our help in meeting your every want. We extend to you a hearty welcome to make our store your headquarters. Call and see us.

Respectfully,
OTTO SANDERHOFF
The Cash Hardware Merchant

Thomas Turnbull, brakeman on the P.M.R.R. got his nose painfully smashed while closing a heavy door on one of the sugar beet sheds at the St. Louis factory Tuesday morning. Just as he was closing the door a gale of wind caught it swinging it quickly open, and losing his balance he was hurled through the air 20 feet striking his face on the tracks below, breaking his nose and badly cutting his face. Dr. Barstow was called and dressed the wound. He has a lot of nose now, and is doing as nicely as could be expected.—St. Louis Leader.

January, 4th Wm. Moyer W.R.C. 183 installed officers as follows: Pres., Maryette Hawley; S. V. Pres., Martha Fraker; J. V. Pres., Mary Meacher; Secy., Ada Le Greig; Tres., Martha Walker; Cap., Amelia Wilber; Con., Hattie Davis; Ass't Con., Cornelia Day; Guard, Gladys Gray; Ass't Guard, Ollie Fuller; Press Correspondent, Ida Minnich; Pot Inst., Louise Turk; First Color Bearer, Mary Robinson; Second Color Bearer, Lillian Hawley; Third Color Bearer, Emily Tubbs; Fourth Color Bearer, Elizabeth Rollin. We wish to thank Miss Vida Graig and the Havilan sisters for the fine music rendered.

Record Ads. do the work

THEY ARE INSTALLED

Arcada Grange Installation Took
Place Saturday Evening

FLOOR WORK WAS FINE

Secretary, Mrs. Etta Keefe—A Number of
Visitors From Alma Present

The annual installation of officers of Arcada Grange took place Saturday evening, January 7. Mr. Miller and wife of Ithaca Grange being present, the former acting as installing officer. The floor work was done in a very creditable manner, the march being led by Brother and Sister Bamber. A number of visitors were present from Alma and the neighborhood. After the installation ceremonies we listened to the report from the State Grange and a few remarks from the new master, secretary, lecturer, etc., after which an adjournment was taken to the dining room where a feast of oysters and other good things had been prepared and of which ninety men, women and children partook. The following officers were installed in their respective stations:

Master, Allen Hubbel; Overseer, Lamont Wood; Lecturer, Mrs. George Titus; Treasurer, C. H. Smith; Chaplain, Mrs. Rollin Wood; Steward, J. Casler; Assistant Steward, George Fink; Lady Assistant, Bertha Hubbel; Gate Keeper, Edward F. Titus; Court Ladies, Florence Wood, Hazel Kuhlman and Londa Godfrey. Next meeting will be held Saturday evening, January 28. Visitors always welcome.

Liberty Grange No. 391 met in regular session December 31, 1910. Meeting called to order by W. M. Cartar. Regular routine of business called. Communication from National Grange read by secretary and discussed by Bros. Palmer, Barnaby and Carter. Motion made and sustained that we grant the use of the hall for the one-day institute Friday, January 6. Literary program consisted of a guessing contest, which furnished lots of amusement. Brother and Sister Hubbard from New York state were present and gave a good talk in regard to their grange, said they had a membership of 300, and seemed to have about the same difficulties to meet that we in Michigan have. Brother Hubbard gave a splendid talk on the road question, which was instructing and interesting. One application was made and referred to proper committee. Grange closed in form with an attendance of 56.

College Reopens.

The second term of college began at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning with a very complete attendance. This was one day earlier than the day for resuming work as given in the college catalogue, the reason for the change being the fact that on account of the loss of vacation at the time of the smallpox scare in November a few days extra were added to the first end of the holiday vacation.

Tuesday morning President Bruske gave the opening lecture in the chapel. His theme was peace. He showed how constant had been the development of warfare from the time of primitive man, and at the same time how rapid had been the progress towards peace during the last few years. He pointed out the immense work of the peace advocates and showed how we, as Americans, had a part in bringing about, through Christianity, universal peace and good-will.

Among the new faces in faculty row is that of Howard A. Potter of Ithaca. Mr. Potter succeeds Prof. Hansford Edson in the Academy. Mr. Potter is a graduate of the Ithaca high school, having attended that school when Prof. A. P. Cook, now of the college, was its superintendent. He is also a graduate of Alma college. While a student here he developed remarkable scholarship and has made a success of teaching since leaving school.

NOTICE

I will beat the city clerks office in the city hall, every Monday and Friday for the purpose of collecting taxes.
1861t2 J. W. Holmes.

ONE-QUARTER OFF SALE

Commencing Saturday, January 7th Mrs. Gaffney will offer all stamped embroidery of which her stock is now complete, at a discount of twenty-five per cent from regular prices.

The Simon Messenger January clearing sale which opened last Saturday is proving a money saver to the public. Mr. Messenger has the enviable reputation of always doing as he agrees and the public read his advertisements carefully, and profit thereby.